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### **Nathan Mick appointed to represent Garrard County on The Center for Rural Development's Board of Directors**

Garrard County Economic Development Director Nathan Mick has been appointed to serve on The Center for Rural Development's Board of Directors.

Mick, a former political advisor who became acquainted with Garrard County while working for state Rep. Lonnie Napier, will fill the unexpired term of late businessman and community leader Julian Moss, who died earlier this year.

"It is a high honor for me to serve on the board of The Center for Rural Development," Mick said, who accepted the appointment in March. "I look forward to representing Garrard County and working with U.S. Congressman Hal Rogers; Lonnie Lawson, president and CEO of The Center; and many other talented people associated with The Center for Rural Development to continue working to help move Southern and Eastern Kentucky forward."

"We are extremely pleased that Nathan has chosen to serve The Center through his appointment to our Board of Directors," Lawson said. "We will all benefit from his expertise and perspective as we work together to improve the lives of citizens across our region."

Regarding his predecessor, Mick said Moss served Garrard County and The Center well.

“Julian Moss was a friend and neighbor,” he added. “He will be missed but not forgotten.”

Mick’s appointment to The Center’s Board of Directors will continue through June of 2013. The board is comprised of representatives from each county served by The Center within its 42-county primary service area of Southern and Eastern Kentucky.

Prior to serving as the county’s economic development director, Mick worked as a political advisor on the state and national level. From 2000 to 2005, he served as deputy chief of staff for United States Sen. Chuck Hagel (R-NE) in Washington, D.C. In addition, Mick served as deputy campaign manager and political director for Republican nominee Pete Ricketts in his 2006 U.S. Senate race in Nebraska, and was campaign manager for Napier, a Republican from Garrard County, who represents the 36<sup>th</sup> District. In 2004 and 2008, he worked with the Republican National Committee 72 Hour Task Force.

Mick has traveled extensively, for personal and professional purposes, throughout Australia, Asia, Europe, the Middle East and the United States. In 2007 and 2008, he traveled to Warsaw, Poland, with the U.S. State Department as a member of the official U.S. delegation to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe annual Human Dimension Implementation Meeting (OSCE HDIM). Mick delivered remarks regarding Roma at the HDIM on behalf of the United States.

In 2009, Mick took unpaid leave from his work to become one of five Kentuckians to represent Rotary International throughout northern India for five weeks on a Group Study Exchange (GSE). He also took unpaid leave to become one of seven Americans to represent the American Council of Young Political Leaders (ACYPL) on a two-week political visit throughout Australia.

Mick serves on the Lancaster Higher Education Center Advisory Board; is vice president of the Grand Theater, Inc.; on the Bluegrass Area Development District

Development Advisory Committee; an advisor to the Garrard County Chamber of Commerce; a member of the Garrard County Historical Society; and an officer in Lancaster Masonic Lodge #104. Mick is also a member of the 2010 Leadership Kentucky class.

Mick is a graduate of Centre College in Danville and has studied at Regents College in London, England. He received his master of arts in National Security and Strategic Studies from the United States Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island. While living in Washington, he was a member of the National Cathedral Choral Society.

Mick lives in Lancaster and is engaged to Maggie Morris.

*The Center for Rural Development—the Center of Excellence for rural Kentucky and the nation—provides economic and community development programs to residents in a 42-county primary service area of Southern and Eastern Kentucky, and is home to several statewide and national technology-based programs. For more information on programs available through The Center, visit [www.centertech.com](http://www.centertech.com).*

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